

# WITNESS HIDDEN BY POLICE; NO POLICE GAMBLING RAIDS.

To District-Attorney Jerome The Evening World to-day submitted this question in writing:  
Can gambling run wide open in New York as it does now without the gamblers paying money tribute TO THE HIGHEST POLICE OFFICIALS in Mulberry Street?  
To this question District-Attorney Jerome wrote this answer:  
I do not think it can without the gamblers paying money to THE HIGHEST POLICE OFFICIALS.

## Peter Hand, Who Knows the McAuliffe Dummy, Cannot Be Found, Though Seen in Conference with Policemen—He is Wanted by Jerome to Explain His Testimony About the Mystery.

Peter Hand, ex-cabman, gambler and intimate through peculiar association with a former high official in the Police Department, holds the key to the solution of the McAuliffe murder mystery.  
He stood at the clerk's desk with the fictitious McAuliffe while the latter gave his pedigree to secure his discharge papers. He walked out of the court-room with the McAuliffe "Dummy."  
Since The World's investigation of the McAuliffe murder Hand has disappeared. He is wanted by the District-Attorney to explain certain discrepancies in his testimony at the Coroner's inquest, but he has kept out of the way.

**CAPT. DONOHUE WILL NOT TALK.**  
A reporter for The Evening World cornered Capt. Donohue in the West Forty-seventh street station to-day and asked:  
"Where is Peter Hand?"  
"You are from The Evening World, eh?" Capt. Donohue said, his face flushing.  
"Well, the McAuliffe case is out of my hands now. I don't know anything about Hand and don't want to know anything about him."  
Then the Captain slammed the door of his office. He didn't even want to talk about Peter Hand.  
He is in the city for all that, and his presence is known to several policemen attached to the West Forty-seventh street station. One of the peculiar features regarding Hand's connection with the case is the fact that on the Wednesday following the murder of McAuliffe he went to the West Forty-seventh street station and remained for some time in conference with the officials there. Neither Capt. Donohue nor his subordinates have ever mentioned this visit to the District-Attorney or his assistants. Mr. Jerome was surprised when told of the fact to-day by an Evening World reporter.  
Hand can testify that the man arraigned as McAuliffe in the West Side Court did not wear a bandage on his hand, as did the McAuliffe picked up dying in the avenue.  
He can testify that the prisoner was sober and uninjured.  
He can testify to the time he and the prisoner left the court-room together.  
He can tell what direction the alleged McAuliffe took when they parted company outside the court.

**SOME QUESTIONS FOR HAND.**  
Hand, if located, will be asked to explain why he testified at the inquest that he was drunk to recall exactly what had transpired in court, when his bondsman, Frank J. Davidson, says he was perfectly sober when he bailed him out at 2:30 o'clock in the morning.  
He will be asked why he testified that he had gone to sleep at his mother's home, when she says he was not in her house for a week after Feb. 15.  
He will be asked why the name of a recent high official of the Police Department was used by the woman who secured Hotel-keeper Frank Davidson to go on his bond.  
Hand is twenty-seven years old, 5 feet 9 inches in height, weighs 160 pounds, is smooth-shaven and dark-haired. He is usually well dressed. For ten years he has spent his time in the neighborhood of the West Forty-seventh street station.  
He was formerly a hack driver. Latterly he had neither a settled occupation nor abode. His mother says he is single. His sister declares he is married through a woman friend he enjoyed rather an intimate relationship with some of the "powers that were" in the Police Department.

**WOMAN SECURED BONDSMAN.**  
It was this woman who secured Frank J. Davidson, of Thirty-fifth street and Eighth avenue, to go on his bond the night of his arrest. Davidson is not a professional bondsman, but when the woman mentioned the name of a powerful politician he agreed to secure Hand's release. He was not able to go to the station with the woman until 2:30 A. M.  
When Hand was brought from his cell, Davidson says he was sober and asked the sergeant for a lotion which he used in bathing a bruise on his face. He drove off in a cab with the woman, and Davidson saw no more of him.  
In police court next morning Hand met Lawyer Joseph Rosenbach, of Eighth avenue and Fifty-fourth street, whom he had known for years. The lawyer does not take "drunk" cases, but he agreed for friendship's sake to speak for Hand.  
When discharged by the Magistrate, McAuliffe did not leave the court-room, but remained while Hand was arraigned. Mr. Rosenbach spoke in Hand's behalf, and there was quite a lengthy chat between the lawyer, the prisoner and the Magistrate before Hand was discharged. Then, as Hand walked to the clerk's desk, McAuliffe stepped up beside him and both gave their names and were dismissed. It was here that the McAuliffe "dummy" spelled his name "McAuliffe" and gave the incorrect address, 1330 West Thirty-third street, to the clerk.  
Hand and the McAuliffe "dummy" walked out of the court-room together.  
Mrs. Joseph Hand, a sister-in-law, denied emphatically that she had seen Peter Hand since Feb. 15, but when confronted with the fact, admitted that he had attended a christening at her home a week ago last Sunday.  
Men who have known Hand for years say they saw him this week in the vicinity of the West Forty-seventh street station in conversation with policemen of the precinct.

### M'AUILLIFFE REWARD DOUBLED!

The First \$1,000.

The World will pay \$1,000 to the man who personated James McAuliffe in the West Fifty-fourth street court on the morning of Feb. 16 last, to establish that fact, or to any person or persons who shall produce the man who personated McAuliffe at the address and time mentioned and prove that he is the man who personated McAuliffe.

The World will further guarantee to such "dummy" absolute protection and immunity from arrest, prosecution or persecution. The World has the assurances of District-Attorney Jerome that this man shall not be prosecuted nor molested if he comes forward and tells the truth.

The Second \$1,000.

The World will pay \$1,000 more to the person or persons who shall furnish with information that shall lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of the murder of James McAuliffe, who was found dying in front of No. 863 Sixth avenue on Sunday morning, Feb. 16, 1902.

# VERY LATEST NEWS IN BRIEFEST FORM.

JANE TOPPAN TO BE SENT TO INSANE ASYLUM.

BOSTON, March 28.—The insanity experts who have twice examined Jane Toppan, the alleged poisoner of the Davis family at Cataumet, have notified the government that they are unanimous in their opinion that the woman is insane.

She will be committed to an asylum next week.

\$10,000,000 IN NEW TRUST.

NEWARK, N. J., March 28.—Incorporation papers were filed with the County Clerk this afternoon for the American Coal and Railway Supply Company, capitalized at \$10,000,000.

The incorporators are Charles E. Weltmore, of Weston, N. J.; Clarence P. Hall, of Cedarhurst, L. I.; and Richard Shann of London, England.

FLORENCE BURNS IN POMPTON, N. J.?

It was reported this afternoon that Florence Burns, who was supposed to be living in seclusion in Poughkeepsie, is in Pompton Plains, N. J.

LATE RESULTS AT BENNING.

Sixth Race—All Saints 1, Lou Rey 2, Farrell 3.

RAINY EASTER DAY IN PROSPECT.

Because to-day's rain gave no definite signs of letting up before Saturday at midnight the Weather Bureau were loath to-night to predict fair weather for Easter Sunday. "Nothing but rain in sight now and indications are that it will continue for thirty-six hours," was the prediction this evening. It rained Easter Sunday last year.

PILOT DIES ON A STEAMBOAT.

Capt. Benjamin Tripp, sixty years old, a pilot on the steamship Oneida, of the Clyde line, died on a steamboat on his way from Providence to New York. His body is at pier 45, North River.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY BILL TO BE HELD UP?

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Representative Babcock, of Wisconsin, will go to Atlantic City for a stay of some time, owing to ill health. As Babcock's vote was thought to be necessary to report the Cuban reciprocity bill from the Ways and Means Committee by Republican votes, this news has caused quite a stir. It is understood Chairman Payne will not call a special meeting of the Ways and Means Committee this week.

BABY DORA TAKES ESTATE FROM FATHER.

Little Dora Norman, of No. 100 West Ninety-seventh street, is only two years old, but she is big enough to take away from her father, Martin Nathan Norman, the estate bequeathed to him by her mother, Carrie D. Norman. The will, filed this afternoon, was executed at Gloversville, N. Y., June 22, 1899. It left her entire estate, not large, to her husband, but provided that if any child was afterward born to them the estate should go to the child.  
Baby Dora was born after the will was executed. Mrs. Norman died last November.

VOTING MACHINE FOR EVERY PRECINCT

There is a prospect that voting machines will be used in every precinct in the city at the next election. The Board of Elections met at Police Headquarters this afternoon to consider the proposition, and while no action was taken all of the members expressed themselves as being in favor of the innovation. It will cost \$600,000 to inaugurate the machines. Opposition to the plan is sure to develop, and the board will not come to a decision on the matter for several months.

CROWD SAW MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH.

The Broadway crowds at Thirty-fourth street were horrified this afternoon to see a man crushed to death in the excavations for the foundations of the big buildings to be erected there. The victim was fifty years old, a drifter, of No. 309 East One Hundred and First street. He tried to dislodge a mass of loosened rock, when it fell, killing him instantly. Several other workmen escaped narrowly.

REVENUE OFFICERS RAID A STILL.

Revenue agents raided an illegal still at No. 441 Pleasant avenue this afternoon, arrested Benny Pteavak, an employee, and confiscated seventy-five gallons of whiskey, fifty barrels of mash, 110 pounds of sugar and 200 pounds of yeast and a horse and wagon. Pteavak before United States Commissioner Shields was held in \$2,500 bail.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF BURGLARY.

Elizabeth Bordan, twenty years old, was arrested this afternoon by officers of the Fourth avenue station, Brooklyn, on a charge of burglary. She admitted using skeleton keys to enter the flat of Joseph Theim, over her rooms, at No. 117 Thirty-ninth street. She admits having taken \$47 in cash and gold watch.

OSBORNE GOING TO EUROPE.

Assistant District-Attorney Osborne, lawyer of Patrick's prosecution, sails for Europe to-morrow on the Campania. He will be gone about a month.

# YOUNG TELLER FLED; BANK'S FUNDS GONE.

H. G. Bell, Who Was About to Be Married, Accused of Robbing the Riverside Bank.

It is charged by H. C. Copeland, President of the Riverside Bank, at Fifty-seventh street and Eighth avenue, that receiving teller H. G. Bell is a defaulter. Mr. Copeland says that the shortage amounts to about \$10,000 so far as it has been discovered, but that it may go to \$25,000.  
Bell is twenty-three years old. He entered the bank as a messenger at the age of fourteen and worked himself up to the position of receiving teller. The young man had a fortune of his own, it is said, he did not drink or gamble and was steady in his habits. He was engaged to marry a young woman prominent in society on the upper west side and the theory is advanced by the bank people that Bell spent the money they say he stole in taking his fiancée out riding in an automobile.

RAILS AT THE RECORDER.

Asserts that Goff and Osborne Were in a Combination.

Albert T. Patrick, having kept his mouth shut tight for seventeen months, is now exceedingly talkative. His conviction makes it possible for him to satisfy his desire in this respect without making his case any worse than it is. He explained to-day why he did not take the stand in his own behalf. In doing so he again paid his respects to Recorder Goff and Assistant District-Attorney Osborne.

"If there had been any one but Goff on the bench I'd have taken the stand," he said. "There was no use in going up against that combination. We made a mistake in putting in any defense at all. You can't get a fair trial in that court, and a man is a fool to try it. Goff and Osborne worked right together all the time. You could see it plainly in the charge of Goff. It drove me right out of my mind. I was treated like a guilty man, a felon. I was handcuffed to niggers and Chinamen and every effort was made to break me down. My lawyers had no standing in court. They were called barroom brawl-ers and treated as such by the Court. My witnesses were sneered at by Osborne and grinned at by Goff. What was the use in my going out?"

"No man's life is blameless. There are things in my past, as there are in every man's, that could be twisted and distorted and made to look bad. Goff would have helped Osborne do it, and although there would have been no connection with my relations with Mr. Rice, they would have made it look so."

**Engaged to Mrs. Francis.**  
Mrs. Addie M. Francis, with whom Patrick boarded at the time Millionaire Rice died, said to-day that she and the convicted lawyer are engaged to be married. She is about to close her boarding-house at No. 316 West Fifty-seventh street and take up her home in Ossining, so as to be near him while he is serving his term awaiting the result of his appeal. Mrs. Francis believes Patrick is innocent, and will be freed. Her own testimony, she declares, had she been put on the stand, would have led to his acquittal.

Patrick said that he and Mrs. Francis had been engaged for some time, but that he had been obliged to keep the fact secret under the circumstances for her sake. "If I had been acquitted," he continued, "we would have been married right away, but now, of course, there must be a change. It's a delicate matter, and one on which I naturally cannot talk. I presume, however, that we will be married after my acquittal on the second trial."

**Young Man Indignant.**  
He became indignant at what he termed an imputation against his honesty. Mr. Copeland, thinking it was a slight mistake that could be straightened out, could not understand why Bell should take the matter so much to heart.

"I'll quit right now," said the young teller. "I've got the offer of a better job downtown, anyhow."

"You had better wait a week," said Mr. Copeland, "and maybe we can straighten this matter out."

"Not a day," replied Bell. "I leave right here."

And he did. Since the time he walked

## SHAW PROBES ELLIS ISLAND.

PERSONALLY INVESTIGATES  
IMMIGRATION BUREAU.

With Ellipse He Goes About the  
Station to Look Into Its  
Workings.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw made an examination of the buildings and workings of the Immigration Bureau on Ellis Island to-day.

The Secretary, accompanied by his wife and Thomas F. Lanyon, Assistant Commissioner of the Sub-Treasury in this city, arrived at the Battery prepared for the journey to the island at 11 o'clock. Waiting to go to the island was a truck loaded with bread for the restaurant. This was noticed by Secretary Shaw. Walking up to the truck, the Secretary picked up several of the loaves and examined them.

The party was met at the landing of Ellis Island by Commissioner Pitche. They were shown at once to the office of Commissioner Pitche, where, Deputy Commissioner McSweeney was introduced. After a lengthy conference the visitors, accompanied by Commissioner Pitche and his deputy, started on a tour of the buildings of the island and on an inspection of the several departments.

Secretary Shaw practically said Commissioner Pitche and Assistant Commissioner McSweeney would be dismissed. "I simply wished to see what the work of handling immigrants is like," he said. "My law has no bearing on the proposed changes in the administration of the bureau. That is a subject on which I talk about. The matter is entirely in the President's hands, and the names of the men chosen to succeed the present Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner will not be made public until the appointments are made. Everything will be all right, for they know I'm coming."

**STORM WARNING OUT.**  
The following message was received to-day by the local Weather Bureau from Washington:  
"Southeast storm warnings, 9:45 A. M. South central over extreme Southeast. Moving east-northeast. High southeast winds will prevail along the East Gulf and South Atlantic coasts this afternoon and to-night."

**Uptown and Downtown.**  
Pennsylvania railroad terminal stations at West 23d st., Cortlandt st. and Duane st. are convenient to all the busy sections. Trains leave for the West and South every day.

**Bank Treasurer Shot Himself.**  
John Wycoff, of New Brunswick Trust Company, Insomnia Victim, a Suicide.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 28.—John Wycoff, treasurer of the New Brunswick Trust Company, shot himself in the head at noon to-day and will die. Wycoff had been suffering from insomnia for some time, and was inclined to be despondent, and his friends say that he was temporarily insane when he tried suicide.

It is stated positively that his accounts are entirely correct. When an announcement was made after the directors of the trust company, being informed of his act, called a meeting and went over the books and the statement, that no irregularities had been found was made.

Wycoff and himself called on the office of the New Brunswick Trust Company, where his brother-in-law, Edward Wycoff, was employed. He entered the place at a casual way, went at once to an inner room, where, drawing a pistol, he shot a bullet into his head over the right eye.